

evening at Zion Tabernacle conducted by Dr. Dowie. It was a Thanksgiving service and many gave thanks for healing.

Last week I visited the churches at Loree and College Corners of this state. At Loree I organized an S. S. C. E. of eleven members, and at College Corners with twenty-two members, the largest society I have yet organized. I think both societies will prove to be enthusiastic ones. College Corners turns out one of the largest congregations I have met any where. They are a warm-hearted enthusiastic people. This week I visited the churches at Mexico and Roann but as the weather was inclement while at Mexico, and as Bro. Ditch was in the midst of revival effort at Roann I could not meet with the sisters and accomplish as much as I might otherwise have done. Both churches however have S. S. C. E.'s in fairly good working order, and hope will put forth every effort to grow in numbers, spirituality and helpfulness to the church.

The outlook for the S. S. C. E. is quite good, and I am encouraged.

After the first of January, all correspondents will address me at Mapleville, Md., instead of South Bend, Ind.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

## Missionary Items.

### ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS.

The National Mission Board desires to be aggressive in the work, and the call for one-thousand dollars as a starter is a call for a very small amount. Let us see. The National Conference, provided for the collecting of ten cents per member for the purposes of the National Board. How many members have we? twenty thousand. Very well, what is one thousand dollars as a starter? How shall we get it, collect it; but how? That is the point, now let me suggest, why cannot each pastor take up a collection for this purpose, it is a national work, an important work, one that will tell for time and eternity, for the church and morality. If each pastor would bring this matter before their congregations and state that ten cents per member would help more on the cause of missions in our Zion there would be but little difficulty in securing a good sum in the next few weeks. Why not try it? Send all money to David Angestine treasure, South Bend, Ind.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN, Sec.

He who receives, but does not give, is like the Dead Sea. All the fresh floods of Jordan cannot sweeten its dead, salt depths. So all the streams of God's bounty cannot esweten a heart that has no outlet: is ever receiving, yet never full and overflowing.

## CONCENTRATION.

Concentrate is only another way to say consecrate, consecration is simply concentration. It is an element of success in any line of work, especially that of church work. Student of human nature tell us there is a faculty in the mind called continuity, it might be called the sun glass of the mind, as the sun glass gathers and holds the rays of the sun, until the obstacle or object is burnt from the focus, so their faculty gathers and holds faculties until the object is accomplished, or the obstacle is removed. Some people have it large; they have no trouble in sticking to one thing, some lack it to a certain extent and have more than one iron in the fire at the same time, they need to cultivate it, the church as a whole should have large continuity and be able to concentrate, and thus be consecrated.

The Chinese are said to have this faculty large. In that country salt is obtained in some places by boring through the solid rock, the father will start his drill and failing to reach the object aimed for will at his death give the privilege to his son, who in turn will keep the drill going and if he fails will hand it over to his son, so one generation after the other will work for a purpose. A story is told of an old woman who was seen rubbing a piece of iron on a stone, it was found she desired a darning needle and not being able to buy started to make one. Such lessons are taught the children, continuity is developed as a result.

Great works in literature are the outcome of this faculty. Newton wrote his "Chronology of Ancient Nations" sixteen times. Bancroft spent twenty-six years preparing his: "History of the United States." Webster spent thirty-six years on his great Dictionary. Mrs. Clark Games fought the city of New Orleans fifty-five years for her property and won. Wm. Carey the great missionary had continuity large, he became the author of Grammars, Dictionaries, etc., he translated or assisted in the translation of twenty-seven Versions of the scriptures, requiring a knowledge of as many languages or dialects. When asked the secret of his success, he replied: "I can plod—I can persevere."

This faculty is divine. It is not only God planted in the mind but is recognized in Revelation. Paul said: "this one thing I do." David said: "My heart is fixed, Oh God." Ezekiel said: "Go thee one way or another, either on the right hand, or on the left, withersoever thy face is set." James said: "We must not merely look in the perfect law of liberty, but continue therein." Moses had this faculty, he led

his people from Egypt to the Jordon, Joshua illustrates it, he led his people across the Jordon and around Jericho until its walls fell down. Naaman illustrates it, he dipped and dipped until he had plunged the seventh time. Joash illustrates its lack, he smote with the anous thrice, then ceased his efforts, had he smitten five or six times he would have smitten Syria till they had been consumed.

In our book and tract work, and other lines of work we must exercise continuity, concentrate, consecrate, not only smite a few times but keep on smiting until the devil is smote. Continued dropping wears away the stone and stick-at-iveness wears away the foe.

There is one unpleasant feature about the exercise of this element or faculty in church work. It is not the hard rock we are to wear away, or the law we are to fight, or the enemy of souls direct, but it is the prejudiced minds and hard hearts of men and women in the church, those who profess to love Christ and some of them are so earnest when they pray: thy kingdom come that they pound the bench and make the dust fly, but when we want to hasten that kingdom through the printing press or mission work, they close their pockets and cry down the work. If we had a few funerals and more pluck and continuity along some lines it would help things wonderful.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

## King's Children.

### NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

President—Laura E. N. Grossnickle, South Bend, Ind.  
Secretary—Sarah Cabaugh, Johnstown, Pa.  
Treasurer—Sarah Kelm, Ashland, Ohio.

Dunlaps, Ind., Dec. 15th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—In the name of the King, the members and friends of Dunlaps organized a King's Children Society under the National Constitution of the K. C. and will not accept the name of K. C. of C. E.

We are prospering; new members are being added to the list each evening; also a good interest is manifested.

IDA A. SIMMONDS, Pres.  
KATIE MILLER, Vice Pres.  
MRS. C. Y. HIMEBAY, Sec.

The sending of the Holy Spirit into the world was for a definite purpose. The Savior said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John xiv, 16.

We are told in the Bible "that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." In common parlance, he had received a university education, and, thanks to the unwearied labors of modern explorers, we are able to get a tolerably good idea of the schools at which he obtained it.